

SITUATION REPORT NO. 5
INCIDENT NO. 2004-014
DATE: April 22, 2004 Time: 5:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Winter Weather – January 2004, excessive snow and high winds created drifts up to 20 feet, impeding snow removal efforts throughout the state. County emergency managers have reported township and county snow removal resources are not sufficient to move snow in a timely matter.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

 LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

 STATE: No change from previous reports.

 FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the State Operations Center (SOC) received notification that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has amended the April 2 Major Presidential Disaster Declaration to designate three additional counties Burke, Mountrail and Williams Counties. These amended counties are eligible for emergency protective measures under the Public Assistance Program. On April 2, Governor John Hoeven received notification that FEMA had designated six other counties and one tribe as meeting federal requirements to obtain federal funds for emergency snow removal assistance: Dunn, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer and Ward counties, as well as the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Two counties, Divide and Renville, did not qualify according to FEMA rules. The Governor directed the N.D. Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to work with FEMA to press for assistance to those counties. The declaration will provide relief from economic and environmental impacts affecting public health and safety caused by record snowfall and extreme wind conditions for between January 23 and January 27.

On April 26, 2004 at 11:00 am a public assistance applicant briefing will be held at the Old Legion Building in Stanley, ND.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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